

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
AUG. 11, 2015 6:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Dennis Visconti, Stephen Mc Donough, Aldo Ursino, Bill Prevdi, Joanne St. Pierre, Steve Sylvester, James Sarno, Julie Boussy, Jack Bracciotti, Therese DiBlasi

Absent members: Maura Campbell

1. The Committee nominated D. Visconti to Chair for another year. The Committee also nominated S. McDonough as Vice Chair and Bill Prevdi as Secretary for another year. The Committee voted unanimously to approve all 3 nominations.
2. D.V. discussed the conditions at the Arena facility. The facility is over 40 years old and is in need of capital investment to maintain the operations there. Current needs include roof repairs, speaker system replacement, rubber matting, and compressor maintenance. Ideas such as advertising inside and outside the rink, an enterprise fund, or revolving fund to address some of the building repair needs were discussed. D.V. suggested that naming rights to the arena might be a way to raise some funds. J. Bracciotti said that we may want to consider outsourcing the management of the Arena to a Company like FMC that does this for other Arenas.
3. S. McDonough suggested that the Committee think about setting up 4 permanent sub-committees to address specific areas of the OS & R Committee responsibilities such as:
 - Golf
 - Open Space Plan
 - Arena
 - Recreation DepartmentHe would like to discuss this in more detail at the September meeting.
4. J. St. Pierre reported on the status of the Golf RFP. She expressed concern that the review by Town Counsel and Selectmen need to be done on schedule to get the RFP into the State Register for bidder by Aug. 24 in order get the bids in and reviewed and a vendor selected by Jan. 1.
5. Questions about provisions in the RFP were raised by Committee members and answered by the Golf Sub Committee members.
6. The issue of the Greenway oversight responsibly were raised and remain unanswered at this time as to who will be responsible for this after the Greenway is constructed an in use.

The meeting adjoined at 7:50 PM

Submitted by Bill Prevdi